



installation 2021 aka the prom

Lori VanSkyhock photos

Sparkling wine, sparkling dresses, and a sparkling new Commodore! The installation dinner was a dazzling night all around. I want to give a special thanks to the Prom Committee for all their hard work and creative touches to make that night extra special. Oriana Shea and Dana Bell lead the flower team with those gorgeous center peices and Lori Van SkyHock booked that wonderful all women band for us to swing out to. Maria Milefchik wowed us with her sewing skills and designed the most perfect skirt for the stage. Top marks to Kathy Robinson, Nancy Bixby, and Carol Senske for their creativity and extra hands as well! It's great to see amazing women coming together to celebrate another phenomenal woman. If you want to be a part of this incredible team and help Commadore Brooke create an impressionable year, join SAC (shameless plug). We'll welcome you with open arms and open wine bottles.

Melissa Kirby



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manager's corner



This is my first Manager's Corner! It has been an exciting few weeks and I can't thank all of you enough for allowing me to be a part of the ABYC Family.

As I am working to get acclimated to everything and everyone, my biggest challenge is making sure I pace myself. The crew is working daily to get things fixed and ready for a raucous 2022 season. Some of our projects include:

- Getting all the doors keyed properly. We've had the locksmith out on 10/27 and 10/29 so that should be wrapping up by week's end
- The painting project is ongoing as we're trying to make beautification a focus
- I'm working on finding better paper products, especially the toilet paper!

· We're looking to add a few staff members to help elevate our ability to provide a great service experience

· We've got a few big ticket projects we're working on as well such as we're getting bids for the retaining wall and the main gate, new lights in the kitchen, maintenance on the kitchen hoods and carpet cleaning and working on getting the grill 100% operational.

It's been a blast thus far so thanks again for welcoming me and your patience as I look to grow and contribute in a way that Rick would be proud of. I know he was a big part of the ABYC Family and want to continue on the path of success that he set.

Lastly, we're all dealing with Covid so please know that as soon as I can update you on getting back inside the club house on a regular basis, I will gladly ring that bell. In the meantime, I hope you're able to enjoy the patio and the firepit and the music. We're also looking to have football/basketball and what's left of the World Series on the TV inside the Quarter Deck for your enjoyment as well.

Here's to looking forward to a blessed holiday season for us all and making 2022 the year of ABYC!

Reggie

commodore's compass



My parents, Jim and Toni Morford, joined ABYC in 1971. With the exception of completing my degree, a couple of years overseas and having young-children, I have been a member here nearly my entire life. My memories include so many things; hide and seek in the boat yard; being told on a Friday night that if I was tired, I needed to go find one of the couches to sleep on as Mom and Dad were having too much fun to go home.

For many, many years we headed down early on Easter Sundays to flip pancakes and make bacon for well over 150 brunch goers.

I remember water fights and then one summer nearly sinking a laser after being out with SIX kids on it, being sent in by the lifeguards for no lifejackets and discovering at haul-out we had no stern plug (thanks to adults for helping us haul it out of the water).

Super Bowl Sundays were also memorable. –The entire second deck would be a jungle, filled with people in chairs, couches, sprawled on the floor with some 20 or more TVs people brought from home so enough screens were available to watch the game. I'm on the hunt for photos of those times!

Back in the day our Labor Day Luaus were insanely fun and getting up to go sailing for the second day of racing afterward was challenge for many sailors - old and young.

During my time as a Junior, I made Life-long friendships from the junior sailing program days. Eventually I became an ABYC instructor and then ran the Jr. Program for a number of years.

A special day for me was watching my dad joyously being installed as Commodore.

I remember my kids, after arriving to the club, tearing towards the patio to see if Grandpa was in "his office".

Eventually getting a call from Chuck Clay asking me to run for the board and never thinking much beyond the opportunity to give back to a club that had provided me with so much. Ultimately, getting another call this time from Dave Schack, asking me to step into the Flags was an honor and a privilege.



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Thank you to all of you who have supported and encouraged me. I have some extremely good examples and mentors from both Commodores past and outstanding members, including the youngin's in the mix whom we can all rely on to keep us current, energized and cool. I have strong people along with me for this next year and for that I am extremely grateful. Also, thanks to Dad. While he is not here, I know he's somewhere taking notes so we can talk about it together one day.

My thanks and sincere best wishes to outgoing, now Staff Commodore, Steve Mueller and the newly designated Jr. Staff Commodore Dan DeLave. You both had unimaginable challenges that no Commodore has ever faced before. Thank you for steering ABYC through such challenging times. Thank you, SAC, for putting on such a fabulous event on October 16th. You all really outdid yourselves and I appreciate everything!

I also thank my mom, Toni Morford, and my kids, Tanner and Brynn for their support over the next year. And I don't forget that Tom Jolly will pull some serious parenting weight this year – for that thank you very much.

I hope to have a fun adventure in the next year and look forward to having many new, fun memories.
Brooke

us sailing membership



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vice



What a wonderful installation dinner! For those that did not make, the evening was a fantastic success, and the weather god heard the prayer. Many, many thanks to Melissa and the SAC team. Well, done! I look forward to working under Commodore Brooke's leadership. I got a lot to learn!

Moving on to my new domain as the appointed "Yard Czar" I really look forward to working with Jenny and all of you to get us shipshape, cleaned up, and organized. As mentioned last month, we do look to slurry coat and restripe the yard this year. Please help! I want to thank my Yard Gang who are looking at the parking schematics to try to maximize our space while we get the paving done!

The board is responsible for Turkey Day. That means, yes, Gabe and Mike are looking for yard volunteers and on the water volunteers. Did we say we throw in a turkey dinner at the end of the day? What a great way to spend a pre-holiday weekend relearning to eat Turkey before the BIG day with your friends. Email or call...you know where to find us!

Mike

rear



I would like to thank you for reelecting me to the ABYC Board of Directors. Your confidence is very much appreciated and I look forward to be of service to our club. As



Mike Shea photo

I relinquish my Fleet Captain duties to David Crockett, I would like to give a big thanks to our Port Captain Martyn Bookwalter for reviving our idle whalers for the recovering season along with Dave Myers for race equipment, and Kevin Brown and Chuck Clay for their hard work on Patience. Also a great thanks to Steve Kuritz and the whole Race Management Team, pulling off successful regattas this year like we never had a hiatus. The biggest thanks goes to all the volunteers to help make these events happen.

My role this coming ABYC year will be working with with Tiffany Williams with the Jr Board and Stephen Long with the Jr Advisory Committee and Jr Sailing. Stephen is our new Director of Sailing Programs and has hit the ground running with the Junior Program. The Fall program and high schoolers are well under way, and we look forward to seeing this program flourish under his leadership. I look forward supporting the Junior Board and Junior Advisory Committee to make this season a great one.

Congratulations to the Jr Board on their elections:

- Ulises Kujiken-Lewis-Commodore
- Will Mueller-Double-Handed Fleet Captain
- Tate Christopher-Opti Fleet Captain
- Elle Williams - Fund Raising

- Brynn Jolly-Vice Commodore
- Tanner Jolly-Single-Handed Fleet Captain
- Lexi Higbee - Event Coordinator

Cheers,
Gabe Ferramola

fleet captain's



Hi, you may not know me. I'm Dave Crockett, the son of Sue and Dave Crockett, and your new board member and Fleet Captain. In case you didn't read my bio that came with your ballot, I've been a sailor for a bit. I am also a re-tread because I was Fleet Captain in 1998.

As Fleet Captain I oversee your fleet of race committee boats and equipment, and I am charged with promoting racing. I've raced a bit and I want you to race, but I really want you to sail. Racing or not - I really want you to enjoy sailing. ABYC runs many races every year and you should take advantage of every chance to go racing. We also have a sailing program with a new

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Sailing Director, Stephen Long. You should take advantage of our sailing program whether you are a junior or adult.

I want you to volunteer. Please volunteer to work racing events and experience why ABYC is known as one of the premier regatta running organizations in the world. There is a very good chance that volunteers on the water today may have a front row seat to sailing in the Olympics in 2028.

In October we had the Ladies Day and Halloween/Charity regattas. Congratulations to Robin Townsend for taking second place in the A fleet and Kathy Weishampel for first place in the B fleet. The Halloween Regatta is still a few days away as I write this. I am looking forward to great weather and better sailing.

In November we have what is traditionally our biggest regatta in terms of number of racers and number of volunteers - Turkey Day Regatta. Please go out and sail. This is a great event with a great atmosphere and dinner on Saturday night, and some of the best trophies all year. PLEASE VOLUNTEER IF YOU DO NOT GO SAILING. This event is the four ring circus of local racing (Yes - bigger than Ringling Bros. circus). I cannot express the energy that comes with being involved with this regatta. It is huge.

Before Turkey Day we have sailing programs and fleet races scheduled throughout November. Please come out and race. Better yet - COME OUT AND SAIL!

Dave

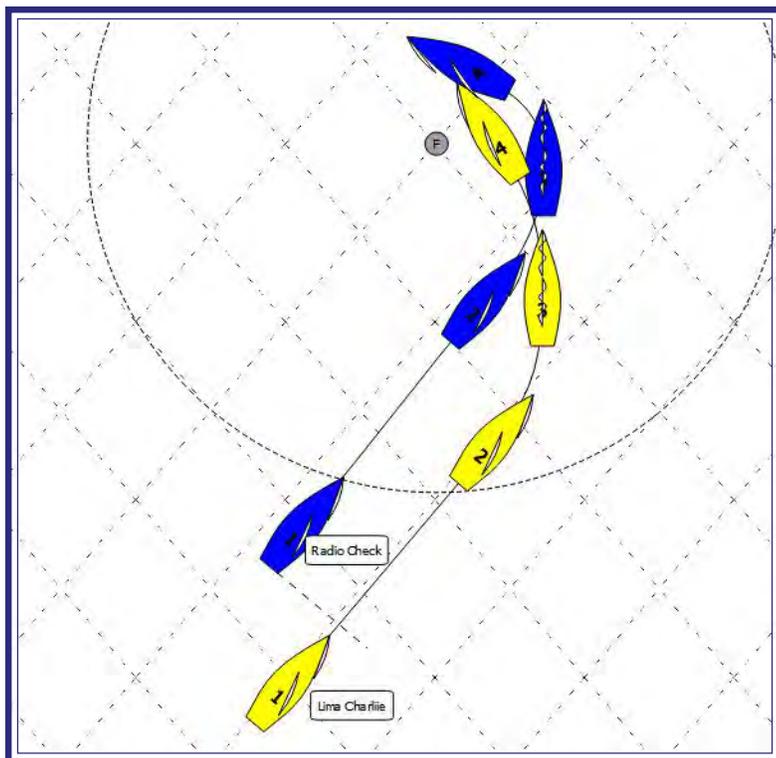
mark's racing rules quiz #84

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Last weekend was the International Masters Regatta an umpired fleet race. In umpired fleet racing a boat can protest by hailing "protest" and displaying a red flag. The on the water umpires give an immediate ruling by displaying a Green and White flag, no penalty, or a red flag penalizing one or both boats.

Radio Check and Lima Charlie are approaching the windward mark which they are required to leave to port. They are close-hauled on parallel course with Radio Check clear ahead. Radio Check entered the zone clear ahead of Lima Charlie and on a track to windward of Lima Charlie. Both boats tacked from port tack to starboard tack inside the zone, Radio Check passing head to wind before Lima Charlie. When they completed their tacks, they were overlapped, with Radio Check to windward and outside of Lima Charlie. There was contact but no damage. Neither boat took a penalty.

Both boats protested. Radio Check claiming that she entered the zone clear ahead and was entitled to mark-room. Lima Charlie that she was the inside boat when they got to the mark. How should the protest committee rule? See if you can figure out the relevant facts, conclusions, and decision.



Got Sails?



The Juniors are collecting old sails to recycle into duffel bags and other gear. Clean out your boat and garage! Simply drop off your old sails in the designated collection bin in the junior room.

Quarterdeck

The key to the Quarter Deck has been changed. If you have a key please see the front office to switch it out for the new one. If you are in need of a key, there is a \$25 deposit.

membership report

Well the time has come for me to hand over the membership direction duties to newly elected director Michal Oliver. It has been four very gratifying years of service to the membership here at our wonderful club and has been my pleasure to do so. I cannot think of a better choice for the position than Michael. I feel he represent the perfect balance of youth, enthusiasm, and knowledge yet has a fairly deep history here starting as a junior sailor and later becoming a junior program instructor. He's a really good guy and a heck of a sabot and Lido sailor too.

Please feel free to reach out to Michael or myself if you would like to get involved with the membership team. We could use the help and innovative ideas of membership promotion.

In October we welcomed new regular members Timothy Kelly sponsored by Henk Baars, David Murray (yep, Jo's husband) sponsored by Dan DeLave, and returning member Matthieu Marfaing sponsored by Jeff Newsome. We also have junior member Carsten Zieger sponsored by Stephen Mueller joining the ABYC family. New membership applicants currently posted for the 30 day review period are regular members Quentin Roberts sponsored by Nick Kofski and Marc Gordon sponsored by John Gresham.

As always please check the ABYC website calendar for all the upcoming activities.

Mike Shea, Membership Director

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the bay clogger

The Fall sailing season is really getting underway now. ABYC juniors are sailing a regatta almost every weekend now!

The beginning of October started with the US Sailing Youth Championship in North Carolina. The US Sailing Youth Championship is a very tough and prestigious regatta; most winners of the event go on to campaign or sail in the Olympics. **Nick Mueller** represented the club with his 31st place finish out of 66 boats in the ILCA 6 fleet.

Staying slightly more local, the high school sailing group ventured up to Monterey Bay for their first high school regatta of the year. The high school series is comprised of five regattas, and a pacific coast championship to determine berths for the National Championship in the Spring. We sent two teams to compete in the silver fleet. **McBride** finished 22nd, and **Sato** finished 4th and will move up to gold fleet for their next regatta.

Halloween regattas are coming up. We have the ABYC Halloween regatta at the end of the month, but the ABYC Opti kids got a head start. They traveled up to Santa Barbara in mid-October for their Goblin Regatta. Most of them sailed in Green Fleet since it was their first regatta, but we had **Gage Christopher** get 7th out of 37 boats in the Champ Fleet. In Green Fleet, **Beckett Christensen** got 3rd, **Henry Day** got 5th, **Jack Chen** got 17th, **Timothy Liu** got 18th, **Ari Glatstein** got 2st, **Harper Swezea** got 25th, **Rosie Wright** got 27th, **June Wright** got 35th, and **Michio Ferri** got 36th out of 45 boats.

Stephen Long, ABYC Sailing Director



Congrats to Nicholas Mueller, #184588, sailing the ICL6 at the US sailing youth championships. Huge fleet & challenging conditions. Way to represent - we are proud of you!!!

goblin regatta

Suzy Swezea photos

The ABYC Opti sailors had a hauntingly great time over the weekend of October 16th and 17th at the first of six Carrie Series regattas in Santa Barbara, CA. With a total of ten ABYC boats, the Opti trailer was filled to the brim of Optis, which made for an awesome start to the racing season at this year's Goblin Regatta. Of the ten sailors, nine were in the Green fleet, as most of the sailors were attending their first-ever regatta!

Day one's racing was a sunny 85 degrees with 0-2 knots of breeze throughout the day. While the parents lounged in the shade, played frisbee, and built sand castles on the beach, the Green fleet was able to drift around the race course and complete two races. The champs fleet was not so lucky, and was not able to get off any races on the first day, but were able to Trick-or-Treat at the coaches and race committee boats to help keep in good spirits.

The second day of racing was quite the opposite with temps in the 60s, and gusts of wind putting Green fleters into survival mode and keeping their parents on the edges of their beach chairs for four exciting races. Despite a few capsizes, our ABYC Jr.s showed real grit as they bailed while hiking their boats flat to finish strong every race.

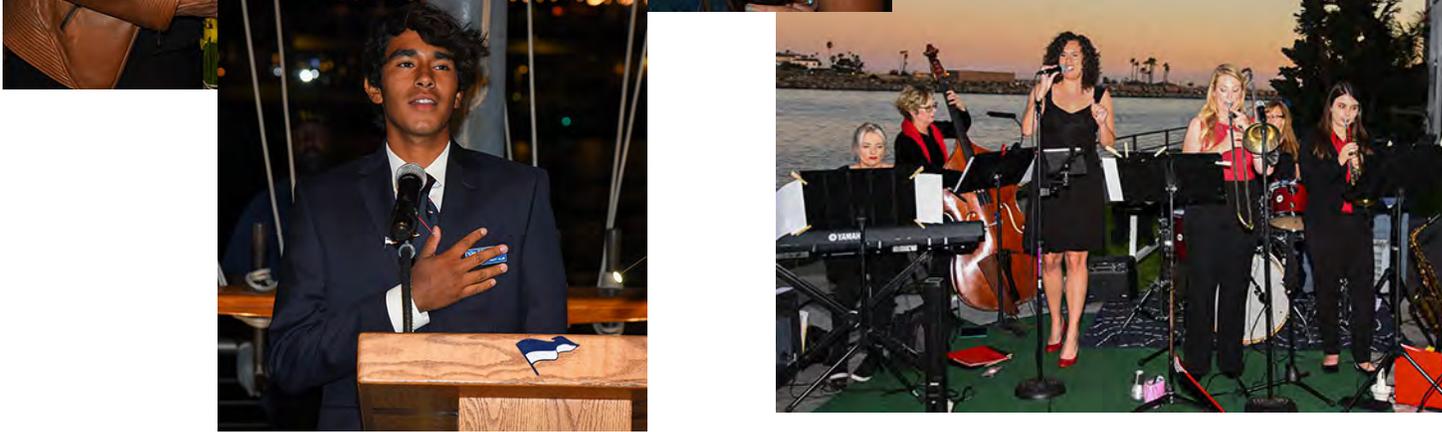
For our results in the event, see the Bay Clogger on page 6 of this publication.

Second place in the costume contest went to Harper Swezea for her Harry Potter themed boat and costume, which included her younger sister playing the role of scary dragon. Special thanks to the leader of this new Opti wolf-pack, their coach for the weekend and new ABYC sailing director, Stephen Long.

Suzy Swezea







When Radio Check entered the zone clear ahead, Lima Charlie was required to keep clear under rule 12 and to give Radio Check mark-room under the second sentence of rule 18.2(b), both of which she did. When Radio Check passed head to wind rule 18.2(b) ceased to apply, as stated in rule 18.2(d). At that moment no part of rule 18 applied. (Rule 18 would also have ceased to apply if it had been Lima Charlie that had been the first to pass head to wind, because of rule 18.1(a).) While both boats were then between head to wind and close-hauled at the same time Lima Charlie, astern of Radio Check, was required by rule 13 to keep clear of Radio Check, and she did so. Lima Charlie broke no rule. As both boats bore away, Radio Check was required by rule 16.1 to give Lima Charlie room to keep clear. Radio Check did so while rule 13 applied. When they became overlapped Radio Check, as an outside boat, was required by rule 18.2(a) to give mark-room to Lima Charlie but by continuing to bear away below a close-hauled course Radio Check failed to do so. Once both boats had reached a close-hauled course, Lima Charlie had become the right of way boat under rule 11, requiring Radio Check to keep clear, which she did not do, despite having room to do so. There was contact which it was possible for Radio Check to avoid.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Radio Check to windward failed to keep clear of Lima Charlie to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
2. Radio Check did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. Radio Check outside overlapped failed to give Lima Charlie mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(a).
4. It was not reasonably possible for Lima Charlie the boat sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled to avoid contact with Radio Check when it was clear that Radio Check was not giving mark-room. Lima Charlie did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

1. Radio Check is DSQ.
See you on the water.
Mark Townsend

commodore's appreciation party

I want to thank you again for entrusting me as your Commodore this last year. I had a great time. **Commodore's Member Appreciation Dinner** – Saturday, Oct 2nd. This was my appreciation to all of you. On the patio we had Audio Avenues playing music with Teak Catering setting up a nice taco bar. A very nice evening. Sorry, everyone could not be there.

Installation Dinner – Oct 16th. It keeps getting better with another great evening for installing our new Commodore, Brooke Jolly. Scary was the Monday before which was rather cold and windy, making organizers a bit nervous about Saturday. Turned out to be calm winds with a warm enough temperature to be comfortable for everyone. Having it outdoors was an extra special treat. Seven-piece brass band playing in the corner of the lawn, place decorated to the nines, and everyone in their finest... It was beautiful!



This past year started off carefully. Becoming being Commodore during the pandemic meant being cautious about trying too much that would bring attention. Installation in 2020 included about 15 people including the board. Then the next first few events stopped at about 50 or less people. All with the blessing of the city. We were keeping them informed so much as to what we were doing and how we were handling it that at one point they said we trust you with how you are doing things... carry on. With that we had the first Yacht Club opening day in California. Nice sunny day with about 100 in attendance.

We were able to hold regattas, Memorial Day, ILCA (Laser) Midwinters, and the Olympic Classes. All while continuing with the social side of the Club. A Friday evening with a live band, Audio Avenues. The collective outcome was alive thanks to the Social Advisory Committee. It was mentioned that we had too many events to choose from, maybe it should be scaled back. You can pick and choose; it is not mandatory to show up at everything. That comment was from someone who attended most or all of them.

We must thank Teri Bishop and Cole for our grass and new sprinkler system. Teri came to me early on and asked for permission to upgrade our grass. After agreeing and as we were tearing up the old and we were down to dirt. Cole came to me offering to install newer sprinklers as the ones we had kept breaking. Complete success and it is gorgeous.

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There was a problem with the flagpole, so an engineer came out to evaluate it. Answer was all will be well, just needs a new slab. While doing that I talked with Ed Spotsky about lighting the pole and he came up with embedding lights while pouring the concrete. Now we can proudly light the flags at night. Thank you, Ed.

Thanks to Brooke, while overseeing the house, had a survey done on our roof. Turned out that we needed to replace it. We now have a new roof that will last quite a while. We are just finishing up on getting all the white trim paint done on the Club. Chris Raab and Steve Flam donated the first of the paint for that project. It is not only spiffing up the Club but protecting our asset as well.

The fleet of boats that support all the regattas needed attending to. Martyn Bookwalter made sure to get these all up to speed and working for our racing season.



There is a group willing to get them in prettier shape and I will follow up with them to that end.

As for our committee boat Patience, what can I say? Very attractive! That is all thanks to long hours put in by Kevin Brown and Chuck Clay. Thanks for time spent on that master project.

How can a Club run without knowing where the money turns? We are in good shape due to budgeting diligence and keeping track of projects. This has been Nicole for many years of service. I met with her plenty while running the Club and planning projects. Attention to detail is her forte and it was a pleasure working with her. Thank you, Nicole.

Now for my sales pitch. We are a volunteer organization. We count on everyone pitching in to their ability. My focus this coming year is to assemble candidates for the next election. Think about what you would like to do, contact me, and I will help you get a role you feel comfortable with.

Junior Staff Commodore,
Dan DeLave



Commodore Dan showed his appreciation to the fantastic ABYC members at the Appreciation Dinner by pouring some tasty brews and hosting a wonderful taco party. And James showed *his* appreciation for Commodore Dan by serenading him "Wonderwall" by Oasis up on stage with Audio Avenues. I don't believe that anybody feels the way I do about you now, but we can all agree that James' performance was 10/10. As was Audio Avenues. Pure entertainment and joy throughout the night.

And let's TACObout that spread that Nina at Teak Catering put out. Six different types of tacos! Yes, six! I committed to one of each, as did a lot of people. Toppings galore and stuffed churros for a sweet finish. Perfection.

Huge shoutout to SAC and the napkin rolling committee. Kathy Robinson, Dana Bell, Lori VanSkyHock, Carol Senske, and Eileen Haubl; you ladies rocked it. Oh and Jon Robinson had the assist when our candles needed emergency 911 surgery.

Overall, it was a fantastic night to celebrate fantastic people under a fantastic term. ABYC members, there are many things that I would like to say to you, but I don't know how. After all, you're my wonderwall.

Cheers,
Melissa Kirby

installation perpetuals

Order of the Green Propeller: This honor is awarded each year to the Port Captain in recognition of the continuous effort required in keeping ABYC's fleet and equipment in top condition, ready for use, and for the patience required to withstand the many helpful suggestions. This service award to Port Captains Martyn Bookwalter & Dave Myers.

The Donna Dardenne Massey Lighthouse Award - (out-going Commodore's Spouse): A beautiful stained-glass artwork depicting the Los Angeles Harbor Lighthouse with a small sailboat. The Massey family dedicated this trophy to the memory of Donna Dardenne Massey, the late wife of our late Staff Commodore John Massey.

This Award is presented each year to the spouse of the outgoing Commodore. The trophy is a reminder and inspiration to spouses who serve alongside their husbands and wives as they progress through the position of Club Officers. The spouse, often the "light" behind the Commodore, provides support, illuminates the way to a safe return, warns of danger and helps the Commodore withstand the elements. This year it is awarded to Eileen Haubl.

Wendy Siegal Perpetual: Wendy Siegal was an inspirational ABYC woman sailor who became world famous for her devotion to the Cal 40 and the TransPac race. The award includes an inscription of the wonderful quotation from the tale —The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Graeham –

*Believe me my young friend –
There is nothing –
absolutely nothing –
Half so much worth doing –
As simply messing about in boats.*

This trophy was donated by Duncan Harrison to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in memory of his life partner Wendy Siegal. Wendy was an adventurous woman who skippered her Cal 40 "Willow Wind" many blue water miles. She helped to re-establish the Cal 40 Class as participants in the Transpac in the late 1990's and early 2000's and was the second woman to win her class in the history of the race. Wendy had a love for sailing that had captivated her as a college student at Michigan State and shaped her life thereafter. She was an enthusiastic sailor and a natural promoter of the sport.

This trophy is awarded annually to a female skipper with chutzpah at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. This year's recipient of the Wendy Siegal Perpetual is Kathleen Melvin. Kathleen is one of the founding board members of Alamitos Bay Sailing Foundation and serves as Treasurer. Her contribution to ABSF is immeasurable and has been instrumental in helping juniors by supporting sailor and instructor scholarships, travel grants, fundraising and equipment donations to support youth and adult sailing programs. Most notably, in support of

ABSF and our agreement with the Gibbs-Weiss Olympic Campaign, Kathleen single-handedly managed receipt of all donations from 2019-2021 which meant making and recording deposits as well as the very time-consuming effort of sending letters to each donor. In total, Kevin Taugher added up 207 letters alone sent by Kathleen!!! I know we're all proud of Gibbs-Weiss achievements and Kathleen is one of the keys, behind the scenes, unsung heroes that helped make that happen. Kathleen is also active with the Race Management Committee by donating her time for regatta scoring.

Ted Matson Memorial Service Award: This is ABYC's award for outstanding service. Originally, it was awarded to the outstanding fleet. In 1984, it was rededicated to Staff Commodore Ted C. Matson, and has been presented to an ABYC member for outstanding service since 1985.

This Year the award goes to Nicole Peoples. Dollars and cents are at the heart of any organization. Understanding and tracking...this is what Nicole has done since 2012. At that time the Club was in compromised financial shape. She built the financial part brick by brick to a point that we could introduce the new bar, committee boat, hoist, and roof. Keeping the Club solvent through these upgrades. Inspiring the Board of Directors, Regatta Chairs, and Social Chairs how the budgets work so they can be accountable for the spending as a cohesive team, producing the positive results we live with today.

Nicole stepped in when we had management changes. She stepped in to run the day-to-day duties along with the hiring of new management and employees. This required her to move her personal schedules to accommodate ABYC. Always putting the Club first. We put our trust in you and you delivered. Thank you, Nicole!

Ducky Woodman: This trophy has an interesting history — the award which basically recognizes an obvious screw-up by one or more of the members. It happened one February afternoon with our good friend Jared Schultz.

The Adra and Chuck Kober ABYC Volunteer Couple Service Perpetual:

The Adra and Chuck Kober Perpetual was Donated by Charles "Booey" and Norma Kober and Bonnie (Kober) and Keith Peterson in the name of their parents, Charles M. and Adra Merrill Kober, whose years of volunteerism both individually and as a couple in support of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club included participation in hundreds of social and regatta events and dozens of committees and fleets as well as each of them serving as Commodore of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Their accomplishments are too many to mention, but their spirit of volunteerism and service to ABYC embodies the foundation that supports our Club. Chuck and Adra were both literally and figuratively the architects for what we have here today.

Kathy and Cindy volunteer for everything around ABYC. They volunteer for race committee, work parties and the big Daddy of them all Turkey Day as well as Long Beach

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Race Week. Thank you, Kathy and Cindy, for exemplifying the spirit of Adra and Chuck through your inexhaustible stewardship of our Club.

The Sidney T. Exley Trophy: Known as the Commodore's Award, this trophy is awarded to a member who has brought distinction to our Club through

- sailing accomplishments,
- race management excellence,
- outstanding contributions to yachting,
- sportsmanlike conduct in the past or current years.

Named after founding member and multiple time commodore Sidney T Exley (member number ONE for decades) this year we salute Ron Clanton.

This story begins with the Santa Barbara-King Harbor Race that takes place annually at the end of July. This is a distance race spanning 81 nautical miles that has been a tradition for Santa Barbara and King Harbor Yacht Clubs for 48 years, and typically fields between 80 and 100 entries per year. This year had 72 entries.

The smallest entry this year was from our own club, the B25 MACS, with three souls aboard. Eric McClure, Ron Clanton, and Mark Ellis. These are three very experienced sailors, with literally thousands of miles of racing together under their belts, including Mexican races, Transpacs, and even to Tahiti.

The racecourse is from Santa Barbara, around Anacapa Island to port, and finish at King Harbor, and this year's race was looking to be one of the good ones, with winds forecast to be 20 knots all day. As it turns out, it did become one of the epic years, with winds building up to 30 knots, and the first boats finishing in as fast as 6 hours.

The crew aboard MACS were having an epic ride, reaching Anacapa in record time, making the turn for the back side of the island, setting the spinnaker, taking off, and now surfing to the barn! Eric has video of MACS going over 17 knots!

Well the fun ended in a brief moment with a round up, putting MACS on its ear, the crew hanging on, and Eric unable to hang on, slipped out of the boat under the lifelines. Fortunately, Eric was wearing an inflatable PFD vest, so he pulled the cord to inflate his vest, and now had to wait, and watch, for forty minutes, as his two crew now have to get MACS back on its feet and under control, turn her around to now beat upwind in 30 knots to rescue their skipper.

Aboard MACS you can imagine the chaos with the boat on its ear, a flailing spinnaker, the headsail dragging off the bow, and the two of you need make a rescue, before it gets dark. This could only be pulled off with sailors that are very experienced, can stay calm, perform their tasks, maintain visual contact with their target, and get to the boat to a now hypothermic victim. This tale doesn't even end here, believe me, and the full story of this rescue will be presented and discussed with

you in detail with Eric and Ron in next month's November General Membership Meeting.

For tonight though, we're here to recognize Ron Clanton's exemplary behavior/actions that make us proud to have him as a member of ABYC....

Ganbare Sea Change Award (*gan-Bear*): This perpetual trophy is dedicated to the inspiring forces that guide our Club. Donated by Bob and Terri Bishop, this beautiful half model perpetual trophy shows the lines of the legendary Doug Peterson 35-foot designed Ganbare, that turned the IOR racing world on its' ear and captures the essence of significant "sea-changes" to our sport. This prize is awarded periodically by the Board of Directors when appropriate to recognize events or individuals responsible for creating positive "Sea Change" affecting the sport of sailboat racing and Alamos Bay Yacht Club.

There are meanings of Ganbare that proceed as: "Come on!" "Let's GO!", "Go for it!" "Good luck", or "Work hard"

Other, more appropriate for our need, translations are:

"To commit oneself fully to a task bringing that task to an end."

"To slog on tenaciously through tough times, never stopping until the goal is achieved."

Kevin Brown and Chuck Clay's efforts fall into the later of these definitions.

"Sea Change" is the other part of the trophy name. With the completion of our new committee boat, Patience, we have a nice addition to our racing family. They transformed her from a common lobster boat into the beauty she is today. Thanks to both of you.

OFFICER OF THE DAY PROGRAM RESTARTED *ABYC Is The Place to BE!*

Come down, enjoy your club, and help out members and guests as an Officer of the Day. Enjoy our club's beautiful ambiance while you contribute a few, very appreciated, volunteer hours.

The duties are fairly simple—welcome and help members with parking, hoists, and boat-launching if needed. Greet guests and answer a few questions. You don't need to give them a tour, but do take down their names and give them to Sheila, our Office Manager. She'll inform the appropriate Board Member or Flag Officer.

O.D.'s are needed on Saturdays and Sundays, starting October 1 and 2, from 9 am and end at 3 pm; pick any Saturday or Sunday...not both days. A list of all responsibilities and your official badge will be given when you check in at the office.

Please volunteer! Email Carol Ginder Kofahl, Director of Volunteer Development, at carol.abyc2021@gmail.com

Thank you!

oktoberfest party

Melissa Kirby and Dana Bell photos

Ein Prosit!

Oktoberfest at Happy Hour was such a fantastic time. I mean, who wouldn't want to see the Clays in their Lederhosen? Dana Bell and Cat Bell also came dressed as women ready to drink. I'm not sure whose outfit was more authentic: Tom Dorman's (SPELLING) or Ruta and her sister Daina rocking their traditional Lithuanian garbs. Regardless, we were all quite impressed with all the outfits on the red carpet that night.

Even more impressive were the three home brewed beers entered in the competition! Ruta Bandziulis and GianCarlo made a batch called "Bay Blonde." It was light, crisp, with sweet citrus notes and delicious enough to win first prize! Runner up was "Bilge Water" created by Michael Oliver. And third place was Katie and Alex Black's "Anonymous Donor." I loved the variety and talent showcased! Ruta and GC took home nautical steins as prizes; who is willing to challenge them next year?

Speaking of challenging, how impressive was Linda Herman on the Accordion!?! She made that thing look easy! She busted out authentic German jams all night as well as some crowd favorites like "Sweet Caroline" and "Ring of Fire." 10/10 would love to have her back again.

Lastly, to round out the night, our new Club Manager, Reggie, was busting out brats all night out of the galley. With Keanu's (SPELLING) help, they made sure our bellies were full of soft pretzels and beer cheese! Thanks so much for feeding us!

As always, thanks to SAC for throwing a great time; the team's hands and creativity are much appreciated! Overall, what a wonderful evening and great turnout! I'm excited for next year and can't wait to see what's brewing!

Melissa Kirby



more oktoberfest



charity regatta & events update

BOO! and THANKS! and similar salutations of the season! Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's Halloween Charity Regatta is on the near horizon at this writing, with 25 boats pre-registered so far, led by the Cal20's with over half of the entries!

This year's event is headed up by Dominic Meo, Regatta Chair, and Carol Ginder Kofahl, ABYC Director and Yacht Clubs of Long Beach chair. Proceeds from regatta entries and swag sales will go to The Children's Clinic Family Health (TCC-FH) who serve under-insured children and their families at 13 medical facility sites in the Long Beach area. The Yacht Clubs of Long Beach committee will plan another fund raising event in Spring after Covid restrictions have totally lifted.

Results from the Regatta will follow in the next issue of the *Sou'wester*.

CONGRATULATIONS goes to our Yacht Clubs of Long Beach partners, Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach and the International Order of the Blue Gavel, District 10, whose members hosted the, always-delicious, Brunch by the Bay on Sunday, October 24 to benefit TCC-FH. Custom omelets, Joyce Jackson Coomber's fantastic French Toast Casserole, ham, sausages, bacon, pastries of all sorts, wonderful fruits and other delights graced the beautifully decorated tables.



The Fall weather was barely cooperative, and the usual clear view down the inner bay toward Leeway, was obscured with overcast clouds. But the energy was high, and over 40 guests brightened the day with their generosity, raising over \$1200 in donations for the kids and families through the buffet and raffle of elegant gift baskets created by the Navy YCLB members.

The Sailors' Swap Meet hosted by Seal Beach Yacht Club with Kelly Walsh at the helm and Marina Yacht Club of Long Beach's Pancake Breakfast have been postponed. The Children's Clinic needs funds all year around, so the money they will raise next year always is needed.

Carol Ginder Kofahl

zoom membership meetings

Dan DeLave - ABYC Commodore is inviting you to scheduled Zoom meetings

ABYC - General Membership Meetings - 2021

Meetings will start at 7:00PM. I will be there about 6:30

Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Third Fri, until Dec 17, 2021, Not June or Oct - 9 occurrence(s)

Nov 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Dec 17, 2021

7:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97502423917?pwd=OU5aMFQ5Q2xWNFlwUjF5SFdRSIZWdz09>

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upcoming volunteer opportunities

Volunteering at ABYC is a great way to meet new people, hang-out with friends, learn new skills, and help run top-notch events for which ABYC is famous – all while having fun! Many of our volunteer opportunities revolve around regattas and social activities. Here are some great opportunities to get involved at ABYC in the next couple months:

Date	Event	Contact	
Nov 7	Patio Brunch - decorate/set up	Melissa Kirby	mmerryk@gmail.com
Nov 20-21	Turkey Day Regatta	Mike VanDyke	mvd.lvd@gmail.com
		Gabe Ferramola	gabespar@gmail.com
		Brooke Jolly	brookejolly562@gmail.com
Nov 21	Turkey Day Dinner decorating, set up, clean up	Melissa Kirby	mmerryk@gmail.com
Dec 5	Holiday Party - decorate/set up	Melissa Kirby	mmerryk@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed every month! Please contact us:
 Carol Ginder Kofahl, Board Director of Volunteers
 Melissa Kirby, Social Advisory Committee (SAC) Chair
 Steve Kuritz, Race Management Chair
 Sharon Pearson, Sou'wester articles
 Terri Bishop, Landscaping & Gardening
 Martyn Bookwalter, Port Captain, race boats

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Please feel free to reach out to the individuals above if you are interested in helping on any of these events. If you have any questions about volunteering at ABYC, please contact our Director of Volunteers, *Carol Kofahl* at carol.abyc2021@gmail.com or 714 274-5813.

hails from the fleets

Kevin Thomas and Grant Hill photos

L¹⁴ Lido Love

Lido de Luna is one of my favorite events of the year. So what is it? Years before my time it consisted of an evening sail, under a full moon, to a nearby restaurant. The modern day Lido de Luna is a late afternoon sailing game followed by dinner at the club. The game changes from year to year. Sometimes

it is a scavenger hunt for hidden treasure, other times it's a sail around the bay

searching for answers to clues. It's best described as a road rally on the water, but with margaritas. To prevent cheating, the actual game is held in secrecy until the start of the event. Cheating is not discouraged, it's just not made easy. The first rule of Lido de Luna is there are no rules.

Lido de Luna one of the few sailing competitions where speed is not so important. In fact, it's best to have 4 to 5 people on your boat. As Kathy Reed pointed out, four seems to be optimal, so you can tack without changing sides and spilling your drink. The extra brain power is an added bonus. It's a commonly held belief that local knowledge is a big advantage. Commodore Brooke Jolly and daughter Brynn enlisted the help of long time ABYC members Benny and Jan Schwegler. Allegedly Brooke offered up half ownership of her Lido.



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hails from the fleets

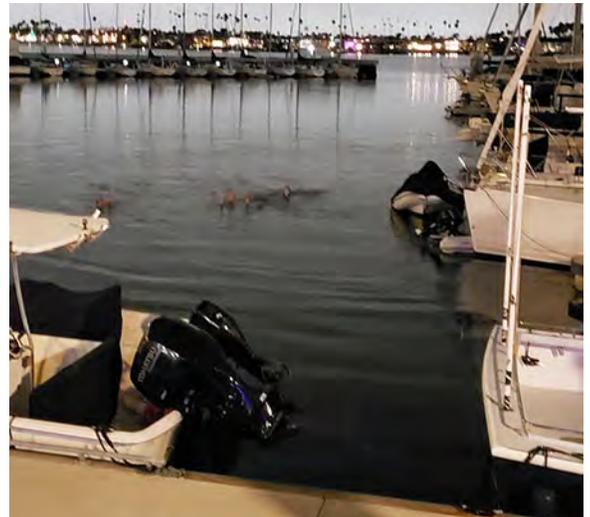
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October 23 was a splendid day for a sail, partially cloudy skies, warm weather and 7 knots of breeze. The dock start was delayed slightly for the arrival of the support boat and the much desired margaritas. As the boats left the dock they opened their envelopes to reveal this year's challenge, a crossword puzzle where the answers are names of boats in Alamos Bay. The competitors spent the next two hours circling the bay with paper and number 2 pencils before returning to ABYC.

With a perfect score on the crossword puzzle plus 4 of the 5 bonus points, the winners were Peter Christensen and Katie Alford with their friends from Boston. Once again disproving the myth of local knowledge. Upon the announcement of their win, Peter, Alec and Abby took a jump off the dock into the not so warm waters of basin 5. Nathan Dalleska, Kathy Reed, and Cindy Heavrin, finished second with a few missed answers. BTW, Kathy, a bribe might get you on the rowing team at USC, but not a win at Lido de Luna. We do have some morals. Team Jolly/Schwegler finished a half point behind in third, and only because Brynn successfully argued a few extra points for some semi bogus answers. Despite being the first boat to realize that all answers to crossword were Duffy boats, team Jessika Werchick, Gabe Ferramola and Grant Hill finished last. It appears they spent more time chasing down Ahoy Hoy for margarita refills than looking for Duffys. Which brings us back to Peter's crew. They were so far ahead of the rest of the fleet they missed out on a few refills. So who were the real winners?

The evening wrapped up with an excellent BBQ pork loin dinner prepared by Sam and Dana Bell. Special thanks to Sam and Dana as well as Cat Bell and Tom Dorman for the use of Ahoy Hoy.

Kevin Thomas



hails from the fleets



As of this writing, the **Halloween Charity Regatta** is next weekend October 30th. The Cal 20's will likely compete for the largest class Perpetual Charity trophy, but also the Fleet 1 championship. The highest placing Fleet 1 boat will have this honor, and in addition be able to compete at Opening Day representing the Cal 20 fleet. Results to come next month.

The 2021 Championship Regatta **T-shirts** have finally arrived, and **Todd Smith** has taken control of all the Long Beach orders. That means he paid for a whole bunch of shirts that sailors ordered out of his own pocket. Please pick up your very cool one of a kind Cal 20 One-design shirts at Todd's beautiful home in Naples as soon as possible.

Plans are already underway for the **2022 Cal 20 National Championship** to be held right here at our beloved ABYC. This will be a big event because it's the **60th anniversary birthday of the Jensen Marine Cal 20**. The goal is for 60 boats to compete! Start getting your boat shipshape and ready for next August.

A big thank you to **Ron Wood** who has been revising the NOR and Rules of Conduct so everything is easy to understand, safe, fair, and fun. Also, thank you to **Steve Kuritz, chair of ABYC's Race Management**, for his work with Ron on the final draft to be published soon. Finally, thank you to **Todd & Cathy Black-Smith** for stepping up to be regatta chairpersons. This regatta is for all levels of sailing and you do not want to miss out on all the fun!

The **Cal 20 Christmas Party** is set for **Saturday, December 11th**. The setting will be the brand new home of **Mike and Liza Van Dyke**, located in the lovely Park Estates neighborhood. This home's first party is sure to be a warm and festive affair with good friends, good cheer, and great stories. Mark your calendars immediately!

Upcoming events following the Halloween Charity Regatta are the **Turkey Day Regatta, November 20-21**, Long Beach Yacht Club's **Cal 20 Fun Run December 4th**, and the **Boxing Day Regatta December 26th**.

Cal 20's, what a fun boat!

Jeff Ives



Greetings ABYC Laser/ILCA Sailors and Friends
Some reading this may recall receiving e-mail messages from me three years ago when I was ABYC Laser co-fleet captain. I had to resign from the club and sell my Laser then, due to serious family medical issues.

This summer, I was able to rejoin ABYC, bought myself a new ILCA6 (see note) and want to be active with the ABYC ILCA/Laser fleet once again. To this end, I want to reestablish an ABYC ILCA e-mailing list of ABYC Laser/ILCA owners/sailors and anyone else interested in ABYC ILCA/Laser activity, clinics and racing schedule.

Note: due to difficulties between the International Laser Class (ILCA) and certain builder(s) of Lasers there was a schism—the details of which are too complex to site here—between ILCA and this builder, which meant ILCA and new boats will now be ILCA. Full-rig Lasers are now ILCA7, Radials are ILCA6 and 4.7's are ILCA4.

In addition to an e-mail list, I will be working to update the ABYC ILCA/Laser Fleet website. You will not see any changes or updates to the website just yet, but revisions are being planned, so stay tuned and we'll keep you informed.

If you received an e-mail message from me and for any reason you do not wish to be on this e-mail list, please let me know by return e-mail and your name will be removed. On the other hand, if you know someone who would like to be on this list—I know my three-year-old ABYC contact list is probably a bit stale—please let me know that as well.

In the meantime, be well, let me hear from you and I'll see you at ABYC.

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hails from the fleets



The ABYC Ladies day regatta held October 17th and was a super fun event. The day started with light wind, and by the end of the 4th race transitioned into gusty challenging racing conditions. Everyone stayed upright, but a few boats got stuck in irons on the last race. Robin Townsend was the top finishing ABYC sailor, taking 2nd place in the Ladies A fleet, and was awarded the Christine Wagner perpetual trophy. Betty Becker of SDYC finished 1st, and Kathy Reed of ABYC took third place. The Ladies B fleet first place honors went to ABYC's Kathy Weishampel, with Susan K. Jennings of BYC in 2nd place, and Helen Burdett of ABYC taking 3rd place. The men's fleet had 4 boats competing, with Scott Finkboner taking 1st place. The C fleet had 2 sailors from BYC competing, with Linda Underland finishing in 1st place.



Thank you Race Committee and PRO Steve Kuritz, with John Ellis, and Gordie Palmer on the barge. Whaler teams were Ed Kimball and Will Vrooman and Nathan Dalleska and Jack Johnson. Also, a special thanks to the team that put together the spectacular October Fest meal, prepared by Deby Johnson, Stacey Schack, Anne Kimball and Dave Schack.

The next Senior Sabot Sunday sailing event is November 14th. Come sail with us, noon start and 3 races. Looking ahead to December, the Senior Sabot potluck Christmas party is Friday December 10th. More details to follow.

The Sabot Fleet is growing, and we have charter boats available! Any questions contact Sr. Sabot Fleet Captain Cindy Heavrin at cmheavrin@verizon.net



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Contact:

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Greetings

Freshly-made coffee; orange juice,
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red onion, capers

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Made-to-order with fresh eggs
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